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CLARKDALE POLICE OFFICERS CANDELARIA, BRUNDRIDGE PROMOTED

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 (Clarkdale, AZ) – Clarkdale Police Officer Joe Candelaria has been promoted to Sergeant and School Resource Officer Mike Brundridge has been promoted to Lead Officer following a multi-step competitive testing process.

Sergeant Candelaria has been with Clarkdale Police Department since 2018. He was recognized as Officer of the Year in 2018 and received Lifesaving and Meritorious Service awards for 2019. Earlier this year, Sergeant Candelaria implemented the first Citizen Police Academy in Clarkdale. Sergeant Candelaria came to Clarkdale following fourteen years with the Flagstaff Police Department, where his assignments included the Northern Arizona Street Crimes Task Force, U.S. Marshals Violent Offender Task Force, and SWAT Team Operator and Negotiator. While with Flagstaff PD, Sergeant Candelaria received two Lifesaving awards and was recognized as Officer of the Year.

Lead Officer Mike Brundridge has been with Clarkdale Police Department since 2006. He has been School Resource Officer at Clarkdale-Jerome School since 2017, where he is also head coach of the boys' baseball team. Lead Officer Brundridge was assigned to Arizona Department of Public Safety as a detective with the Gang & Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM) from 2013 to 2017. His awards and recognition include Officer of the Year in 2014, Employee of the Year in 2019, Meritorious Service award in 2016 and 2017, and Pacesetter physical fitness award in 2014 and 2015. The Lead Officer will assume the responsibilities of a supervisor in the absence of the sergeants or the chief.

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